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LETTER DATED 2 MARCH 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace during the period from 18 to 27 February 1992 for the purpose of surveillance and provocation, as follows:

18-19 February 1992

Thirty-one sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-7,500 m, centred on Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho, Dukan and Rawanduz.

19-20 February 1992

Nine sorties flown by four two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-750 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-5,000 m, centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Dohuk.

20-21 February 1992

Seven sorties flown by three two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 750-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-7,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

21-22 February 1992

Eleven sorties flown by three two-aircraft formations, two single aircraft and one three-aircraft formation at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-7,500 m, centred on Irbil, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Dukan and Rawanduz.

24-25 February 1992

One sortie only flown over Amadiyah by one single aircraft at a speed of 900 km/h.

25-26 February 1992

Thirty-three sorties flown by 14 two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-8,000 m, centred on Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Zakho and Dohuk.

26-27 February 1992

Thirty sorties flown by 15 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-5,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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